



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 25 September 2006

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES–ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 21, Herald News (IL)* — **Lemont Citgo refinery holds crisis drill.** A shooting, an explosion, a couple of people trying to break in, two hostage situations, negotiations, an

unauthorized vessel traveling down the nearby Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. It was all in a day's work Wednesday, September 20, at the Lemont Citgo refinery. It was one of the largest security drills that ever took place at the refinery. The drills went above and beyond the law's requirements. "So many groups worked so well together," said Jeffrey Rutter, spokesperson for Citgo. Participating in the security drill were U.S. Coast Guardsmen from Chicago and Calumet Harbor and their air station in Traverse City, Mich. The Federal Bureau of Investigation sent its tactical teams of negotiators, bomb squad members and crisis management staff. Others were from the Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Department of Homeland Security, the state police, among others. Exact details of the drills could not be released for security reasons.

Source: [http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/heraldnews/city/4\\_1\\_JO21\\_DRILL\\_S10921.htm](http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/heraldnews/city/4_1_JO21_DRILL_S10921.htm)

2. *September 21, Los Angeles Times* — **Concerns raised over natural gas from abroad.**

California state utility regulators are embroiled in a debate over new kinds of natural gas that opponents contend would worsen air pollution, trip up power plants and make gas stoves, water heaters, and other equipment more prone to fires. The dispute concerns foreign liquefied natural gas, which could begin flowing into local pipelines within two years. The gas from other continents is chemically different and burns hotter than most U.S. natural gas. This worries critics, including air quality regulators, appliance specialists, and Southern California Edison. Sempra Energy and other companies that plan to supply imported natural gas to California say the new gas won't cause problems. Sempra is pushing the state Public Utilities Commission to clear the way for the "hot gas" by loosening existing gas quality specifications. The commission's decision would affect consumers and industrial users of natural gas statewide and would have implications for companies planning to build liquefied natural gas import terminals along the Pacific Coast. The facilities are aimed at filling a widening gap between domestic production and U.S. demand for natural gas. Some believe the imports will make up as much as 15 percent of nationwide gas consumption by 2025.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-hotgas21sep21.1.7291906.full.story?ctrack=1&cset=true>

3. *September 21, Associated Press* — **Japanese utility restarts nuclear reactor for test run, first time since 2004 accident.**

A Japanese utility company restarted a nuclear reactor Thursday, September 21, for a test run, turning it on for the first time since it was shut down two years ago after causing the country's worst-ever accident at a nuclear plant, the plant operator said. Kansai Electric Power Co. restarted the No. 3 reactor at its Mihama Nuclear Power Plant for a 13-day test run, a final step before returning to full commercial operation, company spokesperson Masaru Hamano said. The reactor had been shut down since August 2004, when a corroded pipe ruptured and sprayed plant workers with boiling water and steam. Five workers were killed and six others were injured, although no radiation was released. During the test operation, Kansai Electric plans to increase output to generate some electricity before shutting the plant down again on October 3 for a further safety review, which is expected to take about a month, Hamano said. Mihama is about 200 miles west of Tokyo.

Source: [http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/09/21/asia/AS\\_GEN\\_Japan\\_Nuclear.php](http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/09/21/asia/AS_GEN_Japan_Nuclear.php)

4. *September 21, Associated Press* — **California power plan conditionally approved.** Saying it will help prevent another power crisis, the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Thursday, September 21, conditionally approved a controversial plan to redesign California's

electricity markets. "The purpose of (this order) is clear: to prevent a recurrence of the California and Western power crisis from 2000–01," said FERC Chairman Joseph Kelliher. The California Independent System Operator Corp. proposed the plan in February to address market flaws, reduce congestion on the power grid, boost efficiency, and block companies from raising electricity prices above fair levels. The state's power grid operator has been working on the redesign since market manipulation and the rolling blackouts in 2000. In an order, FERC directed significant changes to the proposal to address concerns and said it will schedule a technical conference to address concerns about how the new market design will fit in with the rest of the west. The commission set November 1, 2007, as the date for implementing the new market design.

Chairman Kelliher's statement: <http://www.ferc.gov/press-room/statements-speeches/kelliher/2006/09-21-06-kelliher-E-1.asp>

Fact Sheet: <http://www.ferc.gov/press-room/press-releases/2006/2006-3/09-21-06-E-1-fact-sheet.pdf>

Decision: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/092106/E-1.pdf>

Source: <http://news.moneycentral.msn.com/provider/providerarticle.asp?feed=AP&Date=20060921&ID=6044006>

5. *September 21, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission* — **FERC acts to improve security of Nation's power grid.** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Thursday, September 21, approved an innovative agreement among electric utilities on electric transformer sharing that will maintain the integrity of the nation's transmission system in the event of a future terrorist strike. In an initiative put forth by the Edison Electric Institute, a group of transmission owners has established the Spare Transformer Equipment Program, designed to increase the industry's inventory of spare electric transformers. According to the application, this will ensure that the industry has sufficient capability to restore service in the event of "coordinated, deliberate destruction of utility substations." Any investor-owned utility, government-owned utility or rural electric cooperative in the U.S. or Canada that owns transformers may participate in the program. At present, 43 entities have signed on to the Spare Transformer Sharing Agreement, representing more than 60 percent of the Commission-jurisdictional bulk-power transmission system. "[T]he industry's efforts to voluntarily coordinate the sharing of spare transformers will enhance the reliability of the transmission system and security of our energy supply infrastructure in the event of an act of deliberate destruction," the Commission said.

Source: <http://www.ferc.gov/press-room/press-releases/2006/2006-3/09-21-06-E-13.asp>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

6. *September 23, Rexburg Standard Journal (ID)* — **Store quarantined: Idaho business evacuated due to carbon monoxide.** The Fremont County, ID, Sheriff's Department, the Ashton Police Department, the North Fremont Fire Department, and ambulance personnel responded to a call of people getting sick at Dave's Jubilee grocery store on U.S. Highway 20 Thursday morning, September 21. Owner Dave Jacobson said half of his six workers got sick and complained of lightheadedness. Ambulances rushed onto the scene at about 8 a.m. MDT and carried the sick away to Madison Memorial Hospital. Keith Richey, who is the Emergency

Management Coordinator for Fremont County and also works for the fire department, said two compressors were leaking refrigerant and carbon monoxide.

Source: <http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/articles/2006/09/23/news/news01.txt>

7. *September 19, Associated Press* — **Chemical leak closes road on Utah university campus.** A chemical leak early Tuesday morning, September 19, at Brigham Young University (BYU) temporarily shut down a campus road. School officials say East Campus Drive was closed for more than two hours while Hazmat crews cleaned up the leak. A BYU spokesperson said a gasket on a valve in the heating plant malfunctioned and caused a highly diluted mixture of hydrochloric acid and water to leak. School officials say Hazmat crews had to clean up hundreds of gallons of the mixture, which is used to soften the school's water.

Source: [http://www.abc4.com/local\\_news/local\\_headlines/story.aspx?content\\_id=842d8d18-c02a-490f-bd3b-560741a978a7&rss=20](http://www.abc4.com/local_news/local_headlines/story.aspx?content_id=842d8d18-c02a-490f-bd3b-560741a978a7&rss=20)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *September 22, Register (UK)* — **Online manuals enable ATM reprogramming scam.** Reprogramming an ATM to dispense more cash than it ought to is far easier than anyone imagined. Last week CNN screened a video of a man suspected of reprogramming an ATM to dispense \$20 bills that it thought were \$5 notes, so scammers were able to withdraw four times more money than was debited from their accounts. The hack was far from sophisticated. Security researchers have discovered that ATM manuals for the Tranax Mini-Bank 1500 Series, the machine involved in the Virginia scam, can be easily located online using nothing more than a Google search query, eWeek reports. These manuals explain how to switch ATMs into diagnostic mode, where it's possible to reprogram ATMs in the way carried out in the Florida gas-station hack, for example. Would-be scammers would still need a PIN code in order to be able to access functions normally only available to installation engineers but the manual lists typical factory-set default passwords. So unless machines have been set up properly, they are wide open to abuse. It seems the hack is limited to Tranax's line of mini-bank terminals, though that's unclear. Tranax has delivered 70,000 ATMs, self-service terminals and kiosks across the U.S.

Source: [http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2006/09/22/atm\\_reprogram\\_scam/](http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2006/09/22/atm_reprogram_scam/)

9. *September 22, Washington Post* — **Laptops missing from Department of Commerce.** More than 1,100 laptop computers have vanished from the Department of Commerce since 2001, including nearly 250 from the Census Bureau containing such personal information as names, incomes, and Social Security numbers, federal officials said Thursday, September 21. This disclosure by the department came in response to a request by the House Committee on Government Reform, which this summer asked 17 federal departments to detail any loss of

computers holding sensitive personal information. Of the ten departments that have responded, the losses at Commerce are "by far the most egregious," said David Marin, staff director for the committee. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez estimated that the disappearance of laptops from the Census Bureau could have compromised the personal information of about 6,200 households. Gutierrez said the department was still trying to determine the extent of the problem. Marin said the committee was concerned that that number could increase significantly as Commerce officials learn more about missing handheld computers, which are increasingly being used in the Census Bureau. Commerce officials said that they knew of no instances in which information from the missing laptops had been improperly accessed. All the equipment contained safeguards that would prevent a breach of personal data.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/09/21/AR2006092101602.html>

10. *September 22, Federal Computer Week* — **OMB: Prepare now for data breaches.** Each agency should assemble a core management team to plan and oversee the response to any data breach that could result in identity theft, according to a Wednesday, September 20 memo from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). That recommendation is from a recent report of the Identity Theft Task Force of which Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is chairman. OMB distributed the report and its memo to agency leaders. The task force recommended that the management teams include high-ranking officials who bring the necessary expertise in areas such as technology, privacy, law, and law enforcement. But rather than waiting for a breach to occur, the team should plan now for what steps they might take. The report advises agencies to take a methodical approach to responding to such events. The first step is to determine the actual level of risk, because not all data losses pose the same threat of identity theft. Not every breach needs to be announced, because not every data loss could lead to identity theft. The task force also said announcements of data breaches should be timely, and a responsible agency official should break the news.

OMB memo: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2006/task\\_force\\_th\\_eft\\_memo.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2006/task_force_th_eft_memo.pdf)

Source: <http://fcw.com/article96211-09-22-06-Web>

11. *September 21, CNET News* — **E-cards used in data-thieving scam.** Cyber crooks are using e-cards that appear to come from a secret admirer in a scam to collect sensitive personal information, a security expert has warned. Data including credit card numbers, online banking credentials, and log-in names and passwords of thousands of individuals from Australia and the U.S. has already been collected in the scam, Roger Thompson of Exploit Prevention Labs, said Wednesday, September 20. The attacks involve e-mail messages that at first glance appear to be greeting cards from services like Yahoo or Blue Mountain, Thompson said. Clicking on the link to view the card, however, first sends the target to a malicious Website that tries to silently install software that logs the user's keystrokes, he said. After that the card is displayed. The miscreants use a flaw in Microsoft's Windows operating system to drop the spy software and a rootkit to hide it on PCs, Thompson said. The attacks appear to have started in April with a new wave of malicious e-mail messages sent out every week. Each week the attackers appear to collect a 200MB file with freshly capture information from a server, Thompson said.

Source: [http://news.com.com/E-cards+used+in+data-thieving+scam/2100-7348\\_3-6118325.html?tag=cd.top](http://news.com.com/E-cards+used+in+data-thieving+scam/2100-7348_3-6118325.html?tag=cd.top)



## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

12. *September 22, Associated Press* — **Border Patrol closes crossing to investigate suspicious package.** U.S. Customs officials closed a U.S.–Canadian border crossing in Vermont for nearly three hours Wednesday, September 20, to investigate a suspicious driver and package. Border patrol agents discovered a suspicious electronic device in a vehicle traveling from Quebec. There were also suspicious circumstances surrounding the driver, a 77-year-man from Laos, who is a U.S. citizen who lives in Virginia, state police said. It was later determined to be a handmade remote electronic transmitter and inverted pottery bowls attached to a board. The device is believed to be used in gambling, police said.  
Source: [http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=5436909&nav=menu183\\_2](http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=5436909&nav=menu183_2)
13. *September 22, Baltimore Sun* — **Two concourses evacuated at BWI.** Two concourses serving Southwest Airlines at Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport were shut down Friday morning, September 22, after security screeners discovered a loaded handgun, a Ravens Arms MP–25 semi-automatic, in a carry-on bag, authorities said. The passenger who had the bag managed to walk away from the security checkpoint and disappear in the terminal before he could be identified, prompting police to evacuate concourses A and B, and forcing passengers to go through the screening process again. Numerous flights were delayed and many passengers missed connections. Other flights were held. Police said the gun was discovered about 6:50 a.m. EDT, the concourses evacuated at 7:11 a.m. and reopened about an hour later. While police could not immediately find the man who was carrying the bag, they said at a news conference that the area where he was screened was captured on video and that he did have a ticket.  
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-bwi0922.0.5916343.story?coll=bal-home-headlines>
14. *September 22, Associated Press* — **Twenty-five killed in crash of maglev train in northwestern Germany.** A high-speed magnetic train traveling at nearly 125 mph crashed Friday, September 22, in northwestern Germany, killing at least 25 people in the first fatal wreck involving the high-tech system, officials said. The train, which runs primarily as a demonstration by its manufacturer struck a maintenance vehicle with carrying two workers on the elevated track. Mangled wreckage hung from the 13-foot-high track was strewn below. Police spokesperson Martin Ratermann put the death toll at 25 after a search of the crash site, about a half-mile from the station at the village of Melstrup. Officials also reported 10 people were injured but they did not immediately reconcile the discrepancy in the numbers. Rudolf Schwarz, a spokesperson for IABG, which oversees the track, said the accident was the result of human error. Magnetic-levitation trains use powerful magnets to float the trains just above the tracks, allowing them to glide along without friction. Trains can reach 270 mph on the 20-mile test track. Japan has been experimenting for years with a high-speed maglev line that has clocked a world-record top speed of 361 mph. However, there is no target date for commercial use of the technology.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2006-09-22-germany-train\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2006-09-22-germany-train_x.htm)
15. *September 22, Department of Transportation* — **DOT allows BP to restart North Slope pipeline for cleaning and testing.** The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and

Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on Friday, September 22, approved BP Exploration Alaska, Inc.'s request to restart and test the safety of one of the company's low-pressure pipelines on the North Slope that has been shut down since a leak was detected there in early August. PHMSA's approval means BP will be able to pump oil back into its Eastern line so it can clean and test the line. This will involve bringing the line up to operating pressure; running an internal cleaning device, known as a "pig," to dislodge built up solids such as sand and other sediments and then removing those solids from the line; and running an internal inspection device, known as a "smart pig," to get a complete diagnostic analysis of the pipe. PHMSA Administrator Thomas Barrett said that the agency is requiring BP to deploy incident response personnel and cleaning and containment equipment along the line to respond immediately to any sign of trouble. Any problems identified during testing will result in an immediate shut down of the line, he said.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/phmsa0906.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

16. *September 21, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Soybean rust in commercial fields in South Carolina.** South Carolina joins Louisiana as the state with the most counties positive for soybean rust, 14 now that the disease was discovered in commercial fields in Allendale County, SC. The 14 counties in South Carolina with rust are: Allendale, Anderson, Barnwell, Calhoun, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Florence, Hampton, Horry, Lee, Orangeburg and Sumter. In addition to the original finds, there have been commercial fields turned in from Orangeburg and Dorchester counties. To date, 46 counties in the U.S. have had soybean rust confirmed on soybeans in eight states. In the same eight states, there are 66 counties and parishes with positive rust findings on kudzu and/or soybeans.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=960>

17. *September 21, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Two more North Carolina counties with rust.** Two more southeast North Carolina counties are positive for soybean rust, doubling the number in the state. In North Carolina's commentary, officials report that soybean rust was identified on soybean samples collected from mobile sentinel plots on September 20, 2006. A few pustules were found on several leaves on two samples from Brunswick County and one sample from Bladen County. Samples collected from Sampson, Cumberland, and Scotland County were negative for rust. The first rust of the year in North Carolina was found in Columbus County September 13, followed by rust in Robeson County September 19. All four positive counties sit in a cluster in the southernmost part of the state, on the border with south Carolina.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=959>

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## **Food Sector**

18. *September 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Food and Drug Administration statement on E. coli outbreak in spinach.** To date, 171 cases of illness due to E. coli O157:H7 infection have been reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including 27 cases of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), 92 hospitalizations and one death. To date, 25 states have reported cases of E. coli O157:H7 infection. On September 22, 2006, two more firms initiated voluntary recalls: Triple B Corporation, doing business as S.T. Produce, of Seattle, WA, and Pacific Coast Fruit Company of Portland, OR. Triple B is recalling its fresh spinach salad products with a “Use By” date of 8/22/2006 thru 9/20/2006. The recalled products were distributed in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana to retail stores and delis. Pacific Coast Fruit Company is recalling products with a “Use by Date” on or before September 20, 2006. The products listed were distributed in Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01463.html>
19. *September 22, Agence France–Presse* — **India court quashes ban on Coke, Pepsi in southern state.** A court in southern India has lifted a ban on the manufacture and sale of soft drinks by Coca–Cola and Pepsi, amid claims that their beverages contained pesticides. The communist government in Kerala state had imposed the ban on August 11 after claims by a New Delhi–based environmental group, but the Kerala High Court ruled that the state government did not have the authority to do so. The cola companies, both of which have bottling plants in the state, welcomed the court order. Five more of India's 29 states have banned or restricted the sale of Coke and Pepsi after the pesticides claim was made in early August.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060922/bs\\_wl\\_afp/indiacourtcom\\_panycokepepsi\\_060922070804:\\_ylt=AnH\\_HmlrOTAiqb5ztUFP7BSJOrgF:\\_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060922/bs_wl_afp/indiacourtcom_panycokepepsi_060922070804:_ylt=AnH_HmlrOTAiqb5ztUFP7BSJOrgF:_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--)
20. *September 22, Associated Press* — **Spinach growers to form safety plan.** California produce growers and processors hope to salvage what's left of the spinach season and stop millions of dollars in losses by drafting new food–safety measures. Federal officials have required the industry to adopt the measures before they will lift a week–old consumer warning on fresh spinach. The industry's response to the E. coli outbreak traced to bagged spinach from central California would build on existing efforts to protect produce from contamination rather than entail a complete overhaul. The new measures would likely focus on improved water and soil testing and beefed–up sanitation standards for field workers and packaging plants. Bryan Silbermann, president of the Produce Marketing Association, estimated that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) September 14 warning for consumers to stop eating fresh, raw spinach could cost farmers and vegetable packaging companies \$50 million to \$100 million a month. Trade groups hoped to deliver the new food–safety measures to the FDA within a week but were unsure how long it would take to win the agency's approval.  
Source: <http://www.abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=2476976>
21. *September 21, Dow Jones* — **South Korea keeps option to destroy beef shipments.** South Korea is maintaining its option to destroy or send back shipments of U.S. boneless beef and



temporarily suspend exports from a U.S. production facility if a shipment is found to contain small bone fragments or other problems. The U.S. has shipped no beef to South Korea since the country eased its ban September 8, agreeing to allow in boneless beef cuts derived from cattle under 30 months old. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) spokesperson Kristin Scuderi confirmed earlier Thursday, September 21, that U.S. officials in Seoul on Tuesday "pressed for an appropriate trade response to bone fragments, but Korean representatives haven't agreed to revise their policies." South Korea, Hong Kong and other major beef markets originally banned U.S. beef in December 2003 after the USDA announced finding the first case of mad-cow disease in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/content.asp?contentid=70279>

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

**22. *September 22, Associated Press* — More drug-resistant tuberculosis seen in U.S.** The worst forms of tuberculosis (TB) have been gaining ground in the U.S., alarming public health officials over imported drug-resistant strains of a disease that is mostly under control in this country. Although the number of drug-resistant TB cases in the U.S. is small compared to developing nations, health officials here warn that visitors from other countries who are unaware of their infections are bringing over the deadliest mutations. The only visitors to the U.S. who are screened for tuberculosis and other medical conditions are immigrant and refugee visa applicants, and TB experts say there is no easy way to screen the millions of tourists, workers and others who aren't currently evaluated. Of gravest concern is so-called "extensively drug-resistant" TB, which recently killed more than 50 people in South Africa. It's been found in limited numbers in the U.S. — 74 reported cases since 1993. The strain is nearly impossible to cure because it's immune to the best first- and second-line TB drugs. It is as easily transmitted through the air as garden variety TB. Health officials have also been jolted by a spike in a milder but still-lethal form called "multi-drug resistant" TB. In the U.S., 128 people were diagnosed with it in 2004, a 13 percent spike from the previous year.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/mld/kansas/news/15580826.htm>

**23. *September 22, Washington Times* — West Nile cases nearing record.** Forty-one states and the District of Columbia have reported 2,171 illnesses from West Nile virus so far this year, 74 of which have been fatal — setting the stage for a likely increase in new cases compared with 2005, federal health officials say. "There were 1,512 reported cases in 38 states — including 41 deaths — at that same point last year, and a total of 3,000 cases, including 119 deaths, by the close of 2005," said Lyle Petersen, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases. "We predict we are going to exceed last year's [total case] figure by about 20 percent, which will make this the third-largest outbreak ever" in the U.S., Peterson said, noting that the two worst years were 2002 and 2003.

West Nile arrived in this country in 1999 in New York. Through 2001, the CDC confirmed 149 cases in humans in the United States, including 18 deaths. But the human caseload reached 4,156 in 2002, including 284 fatalities. In the 2003 outbreak, 9,862 cases and 264 deaths were reported by the CDC.

West Nile information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

Source: <http://www.washtimes.com/national/20060921-112553-1474r.htm>

24. *September 21, Agence France–Presse* — **India to vaccinate children against polio.** India will vaccinate about 120 million children against polio under an emergency immunization drive as the country grapples with a resurgence of the disease, officials said. The announcement came following a meeting of Indian health officials and World Health Organization officials in New Delhi, a week after WHO noted India was "exporting" the virus to South Asian and African countries. "Until today we have had 297 cases of polio," federal health minister Anbumani Ramadoss told reporters, more than four times the 66 cases recorded last year. Health authorities will focus on the sprawling and densely populated northern Uttar Pradesh state which has reported 269 cases so far, Ramadoss said. Health officials and volunteers say their immunization plans have been obstructed by sections of the Muslim community in Uttar Pradesh who fear the polio vaccine will render their children sterile.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative: <http://www.polioeradication.org/>

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060921/wl\\_sthasia\\_afp/indiahea\\_lthpolio\\_060921190139;\\_ylt=AnvUbxILPMN\\_xgCH28PzDfluJOrgF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060921/wl_sthasia_afp/indiahea_lthpolio_060921190139;_ylt=AnvUbxILPMN_xgCH28PzDfluJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--)

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## **Government Sector**

25. *September 20, Rocky Mountain News* — **At least 120 nabbed in Colorado immigration raid.**

About 70 federal agents descended on a site near Buckley Air Force Base, in Aurora, CO, on Wednesday, September 20, and arrested at least 120 suspected illegal immigrants who were building military housing. In what may be the largest immigration raid in Colorado state history, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, some from as far away as California, loaded the men they detained onto three buses and took them away to be processed. Officials with the Mexican consulate in Denver said they were told by ICE that 98 immigrants, including three minors, had already been put on a bus to Mexico. A voluntary return — in which the person is usually flown to the Mexican border, then escorted into his country and released — is offered only to illegal immigrants who have not committed a crime. Illegal presence in the country is a civil offense, not a criminal offense. If any of the illegal immigrants have committed a serious crime in the U.S., they would likely be turned over to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Source: [http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0.1299.DRMN\\_15\\_5007796.00.html](http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0.1299.DRMN_15_5007796.00.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

26. *September 23, Star Tribune (MN)* — **Students learn what to do when disaster strikes.** As part of Wisconsin's first School Emergency Response Team, 30 middle and high school students in Chippewa Falls School District in Chippewa Falls, WI, spent one week of their summer vacation learning about first aid and fire safety. For three days, a team of firefighters and EMS responders from across the state shared their knowledge with the students as they learned everything from how to put out fires to dealing with a mass casualty terrorist disaster. How to use a fire extinguisher and preventive measures were also part of the training, along with first aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator training. The Chippewa Falls program was the first in the state presented by the Center for Emergency Health in Schools, said Mary Jean Erschen of the Waunakee Fire Department. The program was funded through a grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/462/story/696195.html>
27. *September 21, nbc4.com (Washington, DC)* — **DC first responders held 'rock & roll' terror drill.** First responders in the District held a drill on Wednesday, September 20, in order to prepare for a large-scale terrorist attack. The scene was an attack during a large rock concert at RFK Stadium called Rock & Roll 2006. During the simulated rock concert, a "suicide bomber" entered a tunnel and detonated a bomb, leaving mass casualties in the mock terror attack. DC fire, police and EMS workers were the first responders on the choreographed scene. As emergency medical service teams tended to the injured, police completed bomb sweeps in search of secondary devices. Traffic would also be stopped and the structural integrity of the bridge would be tested. D.C. emergency workers who also participated in the drill included the Emergency Management Agency, Department of Health and police recruits who posed as the injured. The drill is designed to help city leaders evaluate how prepared emergency agencies are for a potential future terror attack. Officials said that had the drill been a real-life situation, the FBI would take over once D.C. police, fire, and EMS workers completed their work.  
Source: <http://www.nbc4.com/news/9904109/detail.html>
28. *September 21, LancasterOnline (PA)* — **Hundreds practice for worst-case scenario: weapons of mass destruction.** More than 450 people from 70 local, state and federal agencies converged on the Lancaster County, PA, Public Safety Training Center near Salunga on Thursday, September 21, for "Operation Red Rose," which simulated the discovery of weapons of mass destruction. The country needs to be prepared for the use of weapons of mass destruction, said Col. Xavier Stewart, the National Guard officer in charge of the training exercise and the former commander of the Guard's WMD Civil Support Team. As the complex scenario unfolded, which involved fictional versions of a day care center, coffee shop and even the office of U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, paramedics, police officers, firefighters and military officers swarmed over the 26-acre complex.  
Source: <http://local.lancasteronline.com/4/26001>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

29. *September 22, Secunia* — **Apple Airport buffer overflow and integer overflow vulnerabilities.** Some vulnerabilities have been reported in AirPort, which can be exploited by

malicious people to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) or to compromise a vulnerable system. 1) Two boundary errors exist in the handling of malformed wireless network frames. These can be exploited to cause a stack-based buffer overflow by sending a malicious frame to the system, and may allow arbitrary code execution with system privileges. 2) A boundary error exists in the AirPort wireless driver's handling of scan cache updates. This can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow by sending a malicious frame to the system and may lead to a system crash, privilege elevation, or execution of arbitrary code with system privileges. 3) An integer overflow exist in the AirPort wireless drivers API for third-party software, which may lead to a buffer overflow in applications using the API. This can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow by sending a malicious frame to the system and could crash the application or lead to arbitrary code execution with privileges of the user running the application.

Apply Security Update 2006-005 or AirPort Update 2006-001:

<http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/>

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/22068/>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Port Attacks	
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	38973 (---), 1026 (win-rpc), 4672 (eMule), 65530 (WindowsMite), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (auth), 135 (epmap), 139 (netbios-ssn), 80 (www)
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## Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

**30. *September 24, Boston Globe* — Shots fired at Florida mosque, none hurt.** A mosque was hit by gunfire as members inside celebrated the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, authorities said on Saturday, September 23. No injuries were reported and there were no arrests. A member of the Islamic Society of Brevard County stepped outside the mosque Friday night, September 22, to use his cell phone when he heard several gun shots, police said. The man, who was not immediately identified, took cover behind a wall as several rounds struck the building, police said. He then ran inside and told mosque members, who called police. Police were not releasing many details of the shooting because the investigation was ongoing, spokesperson Jill Frederiksen said. A bullet-ridden Koran was left outside a mosque in Chattanooga, Tenn., and an Indiana mosque was vandalized. There were other incidents at mosques in Maine, Arizona, and Maryland.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/09/24/shots\\_fired\\_at\\_florida\\_mosque\\_none\\_hurt/](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/09/24/shots_fired_at_florida_mosque_none_hurt/)

**31. *September 21, Associated Press* — Three teens charged in alleged 'Columbine-style' plot to bomb Wisconsin high school.** Prosecutors formally charged three teens Thursday, September

21, with plotting to kill high school students in a Columbine–style attack in Green Bay, WI, with the cache of guns and bombs police seized last week. East High School seniors William Cornell and Shawn Sturtz, both 17, and recent graduate Bradley Netwal, 18, were each charged with conspiracy to commit first–degree intentional homicide, punishable by up to 60 years in prison, and conspiracy to commit damage of property by use of explosives, a charge that carries up to 40 years in prison and \$100,000 in fines. Cornell also was charged with possessing explosives and a short–barreled shotgun, a charge that carries up to 181&#8260;2 years in prison and \$35,000 in fines. The teens' alleged plan — two years in the making, according to prosecutors — came to light last week after a student told an associate principal about it. The 17–year–olds were arrested at school within hours; Netwal was arrested the next day. Brown County District Attorney John Zakowski said the plan was to kill students in a plot that was reminiscent of the Columbine school shootings in Littleton, CO, in 1999.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-09-21-wisc-school-p lot x.htm>

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## **General Sector**

Nothing to report.

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